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munerated work should not accept his recommendation that the boys be made safe from diphtheria, but he had learned that ignorance is sometimes impossible to combat. The little boys were out of school, and they rather fancied that, while the parents thought it most unreasonable to keep them out when they were not sick. "They wasn't no more exposed to diphthery than the other chaps was," was their argument. "That there health officer is curious. They ain't no sense to such doin's."

About ten days later a sad and red-eyed man, leading two forlorn little boys, came sheepishly to the office of the local doctor. "Doc," said he, "my baby hit died last night. Hit died afore we rightly knew hit was much sick. Hit choked to death, Doc, and we air sure hit had diphthery. I reckon that health officer knew what he was talkin' about when he said these two boys was carriers. Please, Doc, fix my boys so they won't take diphthery. We done lost one of our children and we don't want to lose no more. Doc, we ain't got much education, but me an' my wife air a-learnin' from experience. But hit's a dear teacher, Doc, hit's a dear teacher."

ITEMS

THE National Health Council has issued its sixth report on Federal Health Activities. This latest report on The Health Section of the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is of perhaps special interest. A brief account is given of the history and development of the Bureau which was established in the War Department in 1824, and in 1849 transferred to the Department of the Interior. No organized effort, however, to deal with the health of the Indians was made until 1873, when a division of medicine and education was established. This division was later discontinued and not revised until 1909. Recent statistics show that the Indian race, which a few years ago was believed to be dying is now a living race. The annual birth rate exceeds the annual death rate and individuals live out the normal expectancy of life. The first hospital for Indians was established in 1882; there are now 73. Among the present personnel of the Health Section, we note six traveling nurses and 100 Agency and School nurses. Six Field Dentists are also attached to the Section, together with 91 Field Matrons.

THE Vocational Department of the N. O. P. H. N. now reestablished, has prepared a small poster for the Bulletin Board of Training Schools, and Nurses' Clubs. Numbers have already been sent out and the N. O. P. H. N. will be glad to have requests for these posters.

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